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HB 5537

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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

Dr Adam Breiner has helped our family immensely with our medical problems through the years but we wish he would be able to offer more services. Dr Breiner has helped us more than any MD that we have gone to. Naturopaths look at the pt as a whole person not each medical problem individually. He is a doctor and has the ability to do more than the state allows. One of Dr Breiner's specialties is Lyme disease and patients with Lyme would benefit from IV therapies that help with Lyme disease. Naturopathic physicians should also be allowed to write prescriptions when needed and to do minor surgery as the need arises.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Richard and Joyce Meskill